SASK911
ANNUAL REPORT

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SASK911

The Emergency 911 System Act was proclaimed in 1996 and provided the legislative authority for development and implementation of Enhanced 9-1-1 (E911) call-taking service province-wide. The Sask911 system utilizes SaskTel's Provincial E911 Service infrastructure, and billing systems for 9-1-1 call routing and billing. Once completed, the Sask911 system will ensure that, wherever telephone land lines exist in the province and by dialing 9-1-1, people will be able to access a trained emergency call-taking operator who has electronic access to automatic number, name and location information.

Planning and implementation of the Sask911 System continued in 1998-99 in collaboration with the four Sask911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), municipalities, health districts, local emergency service providers, and the Departments of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing, Health and Justice.

Attached is SaskTel's financial statement showing the revenues of and expenditures from the Sask911 account for the fiscal year from April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999.

SASKTEL'S GOALS TO MOVE SASK911 FORWARD

- along with the Department of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing (MACH), continue to facilitate the Sask911 process with the other stakeholders;
- set up and administrate the Sask911 Account;
- modify billing systems to accommodate Sask911 fees on the phone bill;
- negotiate the replacement of the old 9-1-1 PSAP equipment in the last two, of four PSAP locations (Saskatoon and Regina) with SaskTel's Provincial E911 equipment;
- continue to expand SaskTel's Provincial E911 Service coverage into the unserved areas;

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During 1998-1999, SaskTel:

- along with MACH, co-chaired the Sask911 Advisory Committee Meetings, helped facilitate Sask911 Implementation Team meetings, and provided input and advice to the province the for Sask911 initiative;
- established the Sask911 Account for the collection of Sask911 fees;
- migrated the City of Saskatoon onto SaskTel's Provincial 911 Service infrastucture on November 24, 1998;
- drafted the Sask911 Fees Regulations which came into force on January 1, 1999;
- mailed out advance Sask911 fee information, and implemented Sask911 fees on the phone bill for 81 municipalities in south western Saskatchewan and the City of Prince Albert;
- assisted the establishment of regional service area boundaries, and an implementation schedule based on recommendations of the advisory committee and the potential PSAPs;
- negotiated the signing of SaskTel's Provincial E911 Service Agreement with the City of Saskatoon;
- worked with stakeholders for the approval of a Sask911 line charge to be levied on SaskTel customers' phone bills once they receive Provincial E911 service;
- along with stakeholders, established preliminary timeframes for implementing Provincial E911 Service for the rest of the province.

FUTURE DIRECTION

In 1999-2000, SaskTel will:

- along with MACH, continue to facilitate the Sask911 process with the other stakeholders;
- negotiate the signing of SaskTel's Provincial E911 Service Agreement with Regina;
- replace the City of Regina old E911 PSAP equipment with SaskTel's Provincial E911 equipment;
- continue to implement the expansion of Provincial E911 service in collaboration with the PSAPs to areas of the province that do not have access to E9-1-1 service.

Financial Statements of

SASK911 ACCOUNT

for the year ended March 31, 1999

Sask911 Account

Balance Sheet
March 31, 1999

	1999	1998 (unaudited)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash (Note 4)	$ 41,883	$ -
Receivable from Saskatchewan Telecommunications (Note 4)	122	
Interest receivable	144	-
	$ 42,149	$ -
NET ASSETS	$ 42,149	$ -
	$ 42,149	$ -

See accompanying notes.

On behalf of SaskTel

R Stephanson Officer

Officer

Sask911 Account

Statement of Operations and Net Assets
For the year ended March 31, 1999

	1999	1998 (unaudited)
Revenues		
Net Sask911 Account fees (Note 3)	$ 42,005	$ -
Interest income	144	-
Excess of revenues over expenses	42,149	-
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	$ 42,149	$ -

See accompanying notes.

SASK911 ACCOUNT
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March 31, 1999

1. STATUS OF THE SASK911 ACCOUNT

The Emergency 911 System Act (Chapter E – 7.3 of the Statutes of Saskatchewan) ("the Act") provides for the development, implementation and operation of an Emergency 911 system in the Province, known as The Sask911 System.

Section 45.1 of *The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Act* ("the SaskTel Act") established the Sask911 Account ("the Account"). Effective January 1, 1999 *The Sask911 Fees Regulations* (Chapter S - 34 Reg 3 as amended by Saskatchewan Regulations 39/1999) requires all telecommunication operators providing local telephone services in certain municipalities in Saskatchewan to bill their connected customers prescribed Sask911 fees and to remit these fees to Saskatchewan Telecommunications ("SaskTel") for deposit into the Account. SaskTel manages the Account.

Section 7 of the Act provides that the Minister responsible may direct SaskTel to make payments out of the Account for the purposes of implementing the Act or exercising any of the Minister's powers.

2. SCOPE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In addition to its role in collecting the Sask911 fees referred to in Note 1, pursuant to 9(1)(d.1) of the SaskTel Act, SaskTel is entitled to recover its cost of installing and maintaining the equipment and facilities required to place emergency 911 calls in the Province of Saskatchewan. Fees charged by SaskTel in respect of its telecommunications cost are not reflected in these financial statements but rather as revenue in the financial statements of SaskTel.

3. SASK911 FEES

All revenues recorded in the Account during the year were derived from SaskTel customers.

A portion of the Sask911 fee is retained by SaskTel to cover its cost of billing and account management. The Sask911 fees were deposited into the Account during the year as follows:

Sask911 fees billed		
Residential	$	39,403
Business/Centrex		4,668
Multiline/PBX		6,220
		50,291
LESS: SaskTel billing and account management fee retained		8,286
Net Sask911 Account fees	$	42,005

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4. DESIGNATED ASSETS

The Account contains designated assets to be used for the following funding purposes, under the direction of the Minister:

	1999	1998 (unaudited)
Designated assets		
Public safety answering points	$ 26,218	$ -
Central co-ordination	3,508	-
Start-up communications	11,283	-
Standards and training	996	-
	$ 42,005	$ -

5. STATEMENT OF CHANGES OF FINANCIAL POSITION

A statement of changes in financial position has not been provided as it does not directly provide additional meaningful information.

6. UNCERTAINTY DUE TO THE YEAR 2000 ISSUE

The Year 2000 Issue arises because many computerized systems use two digits rather than four to identify a year. Date-sensitive systems may recognize the year 2000 as 1900 or some other date, resulting in errors when information using year 2000 dates is processed. In addition, similar problems may arise in some systems, which use certain dates in 1999 to represent something other than a date. Although the change in date has occurred, it is not possible to conclude that all aspects of the Year 2000 Issue that may affect the entity, including those related to customers, suppliers, or other third parties, have been fully resolved.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly
Province of Saskatchewan

We have audited the balance sheet of the Sask911 Account as at March 31, 1999, and the statement of operations and net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of SaskTel management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Sask911 Account as at March 31, 1999, and the results of its operations and net assets for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Deloitte & Touche LLP.

Chartered Accountants

Regina, Saskatchewan
March 10, 2000